

Leicester, May 12. 1843.

My dear Sir and kind friend,

You have probably not heard that my father has made me the very generous offer of taking an Atlantic voyage and of passing a few months in England, &c. He has done so, and I am expecting to sail from New York, in company with my brother Frederic on the 1st of June - 20 days from this - I have not time to enlarge on the subject now. Should I live to get back, and to have an opportunity for doing it, I shall probably bore you with traveller's stories.

My purpose in writing is to ask you - on behalf of my Society - whether you can do anything (and if anything, what) to supply my desk during my absence, which is intended to reach not later than December 1st. I should not have it thought possible for you, with all your cares & labours at Lexington, to undertake even a month's supply of a pulpit at the distance of mine from your residence. Mr. Charles Briggs suggested to me, however, that you might do so. If you could, our Society would prefer you, as they have declared, to any other man they know of. Will you write me as

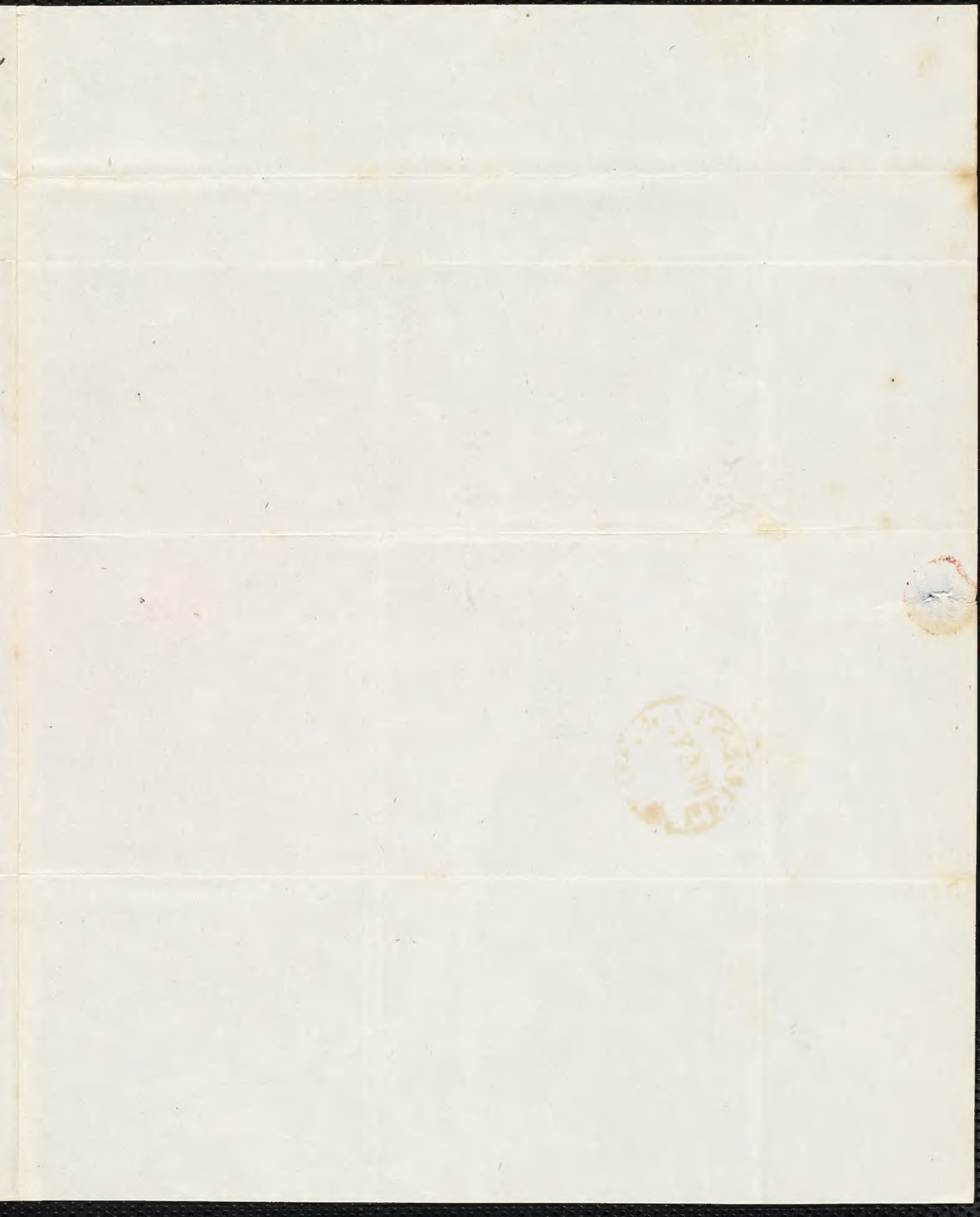
soon as possible & say, ^{1st} Whether you can supply us at all,
at any period, during the six months beginning with
the 1st Sunday in June. 2^d. What proportion of that
time you could engage to supply (if for any.) 3^d. (alas
for the filthy lucre which ever insinuates itself into our
concerns) On what terms you could supply.

If you cannot supply us at all, or but
for a part of the time, please do me the favour to
send me the names of such persons as you think
might like to engage with us.

Give my love to Cousin Secretin and the
Children. Being much pressed for time, I
must here close. With sincere esteem & affection.

Your friend, cousin & brother

Saml. May



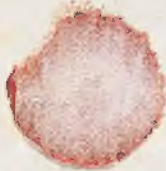


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Rev. Samuel J. May.

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New York May 5 1843.